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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP: SENEGAL: ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
STATEMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 81237; (B) SECTO 11052

1. AS REQUESTED BY REFTEL A, THERE FOLLOW DARFT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS FOR SENEGAL. IF SUCH STATEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN INCLUDED IN MATERIALS PREPARED IN DEPARTMENT FOR SENEGAL VISIT, REMARKS BELOW MIGHT BE ADAPTED FOR USE IN OPENING SECRETARY'S 6:30 MAY 1 PRESS CONFERENCE IN DAKAR (REFTEL B).

2. DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN SENEGAL. DAKAR ENJOYS A UNIQUE POSITION AS A LOCUS OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AFRICA, EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THE AMERICAS, AS WELL AS AN INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF DIALOGUE AND INTERCHANGE. AFTER COMPLETING VISITS TO SIX COUNTRIES IN EAST, CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICA, I AM CONCLUDING THE BILATERAL PORTION OF MY AFRICAN TRIP IN SENEGAL. I AM PLEASED THAT THIS ITINERARY PROVIDES NOT ONLY A CHANCE TO REVIEW OUR EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH SENEGAL, BUT ALSO TO DISCUSS MY OVERALL IMPRESSIONS FROM MY TRIP WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR, PRIME MINISTER DIOUF (DYOOOF), MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECK AND OTHER SENEGALESE

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LEADERS.

WHEN I LEAVE DAKAR I WILL BE RETURNING TO NAIROBI TO ADDRESS THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BEFORE BEGINNING THE JOURNEY HOME. MY FIRST VISIT TO AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA IS, IN LARGE MEASURE, AN EXPERIENCE IN LISTENING AND LEARNING ABOUT AFRICAN CONCERNS AND ASPIRATIONS. IT WILL THUS BE A PARTICULAR PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO MEET WITH SO DISTINGUISHED AN AFRICAN STATESMAN AS PRESIDENT SENGHOR, AND BENEFIT FROM HIS EXPERIENCE AND VISION.

PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S WORK IS WIDELY KNOWN AND WELL RESPECTED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE CONCEPT OF "NEGRITUDE" (NAY-GRIH-TYOOD) HAS MADE A LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT BETWEEN AFRICA AND THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. I BELIEVE THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL STRENGTH OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SENEGAL LIES IN THESE BONDS OF HERITAGE, CULTURE AND IDENTITY. OUR RELATIONSHIP IS A LIVING LINKAGE OF PEOPLE ENGAGED IN CLULTURAL EXCHANGES, COMMERCIAL VENTURES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS, AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES IN AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT IN THE NEW DIALOGUE THAT IS BEGINNING BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA MUST PLAY A MAJOR ROLE. WE CONSIDER THAT OUR INCREASING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR A NEW DEPARTURE IN AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH AFRICA.

IN EACH OF THE COUNTRIES I HAVE JUST VISITED, I REITERATED THE BASIC PRINCIPLES WHICH WILL GUIDE AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD AFRICA:

--WE WANT TO SEE AFRICA ATTAIN PROSPERITY FOR ITS PEOPLE AND BECOME A MAJOR PARTICIPANT IN THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

--WE SUPPORT THE DESIRE OF AFRICAN NATIONS TO CHART THEIR OWN COURSE IN DOMESTIC, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS-- TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND FOREIGN POLICIES.

--HOWEVER, WE WANT TO SEE THE AFRICAN CONTINENT FREE FROM GREAT POWER RIVALRY OR CONFLICT. WE BELIEVE LOCAL CONFLICTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUST NOT BE EXPLOITED BY OUTSIDE FORCES INTERVENING FOR UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE.

--WE WANT TO SEE SELF-DETERMINATION, RACIAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT AFRICA. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND WILL GIVE NO ENCOURAGEMENT TO ILLEGAL REGIMES THERE.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS AGAIN MY PLEASURE AND SENSE OF ANTICIPATION AT BEGINNING MY FIRST VISIT TO SENEGAL, AS WELL AS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE CORDIAL WELCOME WHICH MINISTER OF STATE SECK HAS EXTENDED TO ME THIS MORNING.

3. DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

I LEAVE SENEGAL WITH REAL REGRET AT THE BREVITY OF MY VISIT. HOWEVER, EVEN SUCH A SHORT SOJOURN LEAVES VIVID MEMORIES OF THE WARMTH OF SENEGALESE HOSPITALITY. I HAVE HAD A TANTALYZING INTRODUCTION TO THE VITALITY OF CONTEMPORARY SENEGAL AND TO THE RICHNESS OF YOUR TRADITIONAL CULTURE. PERHAPS ON ANOTHER VISIT I SHALL BE ABLE TO TAKE TIME PROPERLY TO EXPERIENCE AND ABSORB SENEGAL'S FULL BREADTH AND DIVERSITY.

MY TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SENGHOR, PRIME MINISTER DIOUF, MINISTER OF STATE SECK AND OTHER SENEGALESE LEADERS HAVE BEEN CANDID AND FRUITFUL. AS I SAID ON ARRIVAL, WE FULLY SUPPORT THE DESIRE OF AFRICAN NATIONS TO CHART THEIR OWN COURSE IN DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, AND TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN SOCIAL SYSTEMS AND FOREIGN POLICIES.

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HOWEVER, THE COMMON GROUND WHICH HAS BEEN EVIDENT IN MY CONVERSATIONS IN SENEGAL AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA LEAVES ME MORE DEEPLY CONVINCED THAN EVER THAT AMERICAN POLICIES AND

THOSE OF DEVELOPING NATIONS ARE ESSENTIALLY COMPLEMENTARY AND OUR DESTINIES ARE INCREASINGLY SHAPED BY MUTUAL INTERDEPENDENCE.

I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN EXECUTION OF SENEGAL'S AMBITIOUS DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND IN FORGING LINKS OF COOPERATION AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL IN WEST AFRICA. THROUGH MY COUNTRY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CLUB DES AMIS DU SAHEL, COOPERATION WITH THE SENEGAL RIVER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTILATERAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS, WE HOPE THAT AMERICAN RESOURCES AND TECHNOLOGY CAN PLAY AN INCREASING ROLE IN SUPPORT OF SENEGAL'S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND ITS JOINT UNDERTAKINGS WITH NEIGHBORING STATES.

I BELIEVE WE ALSO HAVE COMPLEMENTARY INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THERE SHOULD BE NO QUESTION THAT THE UNITED STATES FULLY SUPPORTS AFRICAN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION AND MAJORITY RULE; I HAVE RENEWED THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO THESE GOALS IN MY CONVERSATIONS IN SENEGAL. ALTHOUGH MY GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO THE PATH OF PEACEFUL CHANGE, WE FIRMLY OPPOSE SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUING OCCUPATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF NAMIBIA AND REJECT SOUTH AFRICA'S APARTHEID SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY WITHIN A SHORT TIME TO EXPRESS FREELY UNDER UN SUPERVISION THEIR VIEWS ON THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF THEIR COUNTRY. WE STAND FIRMLY FOR MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND I HAVE PLEDGED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL WORK FOR RAPID PROGRESS TOWARD THAT OBJECTIVE.

WHILE WE FAVOR RAPID POLITICAL CHANGE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WE BELIEVE IT SHOULD NOT BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY INTERVENTION OF OUTSIDE MILITARY FORCES. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS IT DESIRABLE THAT AFRICAN SOLUTIONS BE FOUND TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS. WE DEEM IT IMPERATIVE THAT THIS CONTINENT NOT BECOME AN ARENA FOR GREAT POWER RIVALRIES AND DIVERTED FROM EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

I THUS BELIEVE THAT THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL GROUND FOR MUTUAL COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES. FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE GAINED A NEW APPRECIATION OF AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS AND CONCERNS. IN MY ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT I WILL OUTLINE FURTHER SPECIFIC STEPS WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO TAKE IN THE ECONOMIC AREA TO PROMOTE A CONTINUING CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ONCE MORE MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO

PRESIDENT SENGHOR, FOREIGN MINISTER SECK AND OTHER SENEGALESE
LEADERS FOR THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY WHICH THEY EXTENDED TO
ME AND FOR THE THOUGHTFUL ADVICE AND COUNSEL WHICH THEY HAVE
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